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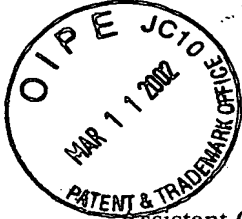
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

With regard to JP 2000-333014, a complete copy of the corresponding U.S. Patent Application is also submitted concurrently herewith.

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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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